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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Method and System of Dispatching Socks Traffic Using Type of Service (TOS) Field
of IP Datagrams**

the specification of which is identified by the attorney (IBM) Docket Number appearing above.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims.

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